

REMARKS

These remarks, and the above amendments, are responsive to the final Office action dated December 6, 2006. Prior to entry of the above amendments, claims 1, 3-22, 25, 32, 45, 52, and 53 were pending in the application. In the Office action, the Examiner indicated that claims 5 and 6 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

By the above amendments, (a) claim 1 is amended to incorporate the elements of claim 5, and to change the word "includes" to "comprises" as originally recited in claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 5,819,950; (b) claim 6 is amended to correct the dependence of claim 6 from claim 5 to claim 1 upon incorporation of the elements of claim 5 into claim 1; and (c) claims 3-5, 7-22, 25, 32, 45, 52, and 53 are canceled without prejudice.

Claim 1 now recites the identical subject matter as was originally issued as claim 5 in U.S. Patent No. 5,819,950, the subject of this reissue application. Likewise, claim 6 recites the identical subject matter as was originally issued as claim 6 in U.S. Patent No. 5,819,950.

With respect to the canceled claims, Applicant reserves his right to pursue these claims without amendment in a continuation application.

In view of these amendments, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application and allowance of the pending claims. If the Examiner has any questions, or if a telephone interview would in any way advance prosecution of the application, please contact the undersigned attorney of record.

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